

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2308**

April 27, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Twin Ports Interchange Work Package #4 Garfield/I-535 Interchange in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is MnDOT District 1 – Duluth, located at 1123 Mesaba Avenue, Duluth, MN 55811.

The funding would be used so the project can be reconstructed as currently staged and designed, will eliminate an additional two years of I-535 closure or restriction, will eliminate or minimize re-design/re-staging of the I- 535/Garfield project, will save approximately \$14 million of inflation costs and allow oversize/overweight (OSOW) freight loads to enter and leave the port directly on the interstate meeting the original Twin Ports Interchange project goal of increasing freight mobility. This is currently the closest project to shovel ready in MnDOT's current program.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



PETE STAUBER  
Member of Congress